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Visit of U.S. Deputy Secretary of State to Sudan

- U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Negroponte yesterday visited refugee camps in Darfur as part of his mission to urge Sudan to allow the deployment of a hybrid UN-African Union peacekeeping force. Negroponte inspected camps near Al-Fasher, the capital of North Darfur, and met with members of the AU mission, and humanitarian workers in addition to the Wali of North Darfur Yousif Kibir. Negroponte is expected to hold talks with Sudanese officials when he returns to Khartoum on Sunday. *(Al-Ayaam, Al-Rai Al-Aam, et al)*

Chad –Sudan relations

- Chad's Foreign Minister Ahmat Allam-Mi arrived in Sudan yesterday to try and resolve a dispute over the deadly border clash. Ahmat Allam-Mi, who was carrying a message from Chadian President Idriss Deby to his Sudanese counterpart, Omar Hassan al-Bashir, said differences between the two countries could be overcome. "We all decided together to overcome all the difficulties that exist in relations between the two countries." The Sudanese government claims that 17 of its soldiers were killed on Monday in a clash with Chadian troops who crossed the border into Sudanese territory. The Chadian minister requested Sudan's cooperation to contain the rebels. "Chad wants peace and to turn the page with Sudan," Ahmat Allami told journalists after handing President Omer Al-Bashir a letter from Chadian President Idriss Deby regarding this issue.

Allami added that a committee had been set up in Chad to determine who was responsible for the clashes but repeated his position that Chadian forces went into Sudan to pursue rebels.

He proposed an accord that would allow Chad to pursue what he called Sudan-based rebels back into Sudan: "If these groups, these mercenaries, hit us again, we will go after them wherever they go, and we hope the Sudanese brothers will permit us to go after them into Sudan because they are the ones causing problems." A Sudanese Foreign Ministry official said that in the letter Deby apologized for the incursion and said he wanted to "turn over a new page in relations between the two countries." *(Al-Rai Al-Aam)*

UN, AU Envoys to Report to UNSC Tomorrow

- Following their recent visit to Sudan, the UN and AU envoys to Darfur, Jan Eliasson and Salim Ahmed Salim, will tomorrow present their joint report on Darfur to the UN Security Council meeting in New York. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs Spokesperson, Ambassador Ali Al-Sadig, presumed that the report would include the results of their consultations with Sudan Government and armed movements in Darfur. Al-Sadig told Sudan Vision that the Government has affirmed its commitment to unconditional negotiations with those opposing the Abuja Agreement, and its keenness to resolve the issue stipulated in the recent Addis Ababa agreement that put a high priority on reaching of a political solution to the crisis in Darfur. *(Sudan Vision)*

Quote of the Day

**"Chad is committed to peace with Sudan."
Chad's Foreign Minister Ahmat Allam-Mi**

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